

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

Art Commission MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 26, 2011

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Arts Commission Members Present:

☒ Shelley Brittingham
☒ Donna DiFiore
☒ Andrea Reay
☐ Robbie Howell

☒ Shelli Park
☒ Michael O'Neill
☒ Chloe Bjordahl
☐ Debbie Thoma

☒ Virginia Wright

Staff Present:

Gina Kallman, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Guests:

Minutes

Meeting called to order. Minutes are approved as corrected.

New Arts Commissioners introduced. Gina led a discussion on the basics of being an arts commissioner. Discussed were the Arts Commission mission statement and ordinances, the city arts staff responsibilities, and the local and regional arts organizations. A more detailed orientation will happen in May.

2011 Work Plan-- A vote was taken to approve the 2011 Arts Commission Area of Focus Work Plan. Shelley motioned to accept the plan as corrected. All approved. Please see attached work plan.

AREAS OF FOCUS REPORT

Arts Education —

Banner Project—The 153rd Banner Project that has been worked on by the arts commission for the last two years has been finalized with the installation of the banners on April 20th. The banners have been getting a great response from city staff and community and are seen as the kick-off for revitalizing 153rd street. Press releases were sent out to the Highline Times and B-Town Blog and a celebration of the banners will happen at the Clean Sweep event on April 30th with a scavenger hunt for the clean sweep participants.

Public Art—We are hoping to have a report on the Seahurst sculpture in May.

Arts and Economic Development— Donna discussed the background of the committee to the new members. The committee met in April and would like to also work with Discover Burien as well as the BEDP. They hope to meet with chair of BEDP soon to talk more about possible collaboration. They would also like to have a better understanding of what businesses host and promote the arts.

4-Culture Report –Shelley presented a report on the current situation with 4 Culture. Details from Advocate4Culture blog:

The 2011 legislative session is set to end this Sunday, April 24th, but most folks, including Governor Gregoire, think they won't finish by that date and will have to go into *special session*.

It seems likely that legislators will opt to wrap up a bit of business this *Friday* and take a break this weekend. Hopefully, they will come back refreshed and ready to revisit SHB 1997 and SSB 5834. This will be their last chance to save funding for arts and heritage in King County, or they won't finish by that date and will have to go into *special session*.

STAFF REPORT

Summer Events—Staff reported on the planning happening for the upcoming summer events, Wild Strawberry Festival (June 18-19), Music and Movies in the Park (July-August), and Arts-A-Glow (September 10th).

Arts and Culture Brochure— Staff have been talking to the arts and culture groups within the city and many would like to see an electronic format for the brochure (like an e-news) that could be sent out quarterly or monthly. This option is being looked into and more information will follow.

The meeting was adjourned.